



## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, November 20, 2005

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 5.5

**Soil moisture supplies:** 32% very short, 44% short and 24% adequate

#### Field Crops Report

A cold front moved through the state early in the week bringing the state average rainfall to 0.8 inches. The rain did improve soil moisture, but much more rain was needed to relieve the dry conditions. Some producers continued preparing fields for next year. Sugarcane producers were busy harvesting their crop. The rain helped protect planted sugarcane from frost conditions. Sweet potato harvest was completed. Winter wheat emergence made excellent progress last week due to the rain.

#### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus producers were selling satsumas. Vegetable producers were selling greens. Pecan harvesting reached 68 percent, surpassing last year and the 5 year average.

#### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen continued getting pastures back in shape from the hurricanes. Planting of ryegrass continued as the rain helped with germination.

| PERCENT OF PROGRESS |           |              |           |      |          |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------|----------|
| CROP                | STAGE     | Current Week | Last Week | 2004 | 5 YR AVG |
| Pecans              | Harvested | 68           | 53        | 59   | 57       |
| Sugarcane           | Harvested | 50           | 45        | 53   | 57       |
| Sweet potatoes      | Harvested | 100          | 98        | 95   | 93       |
| Wheat               | Planted   | 70           | 53        | 63   | 63       |
|                     | Emerged   | 33           | 15        | 48   | 49       |

| CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES |           |      |      |      |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| ITEM                      | VERY POOR | POOR | FAIR | GOOD | EXCELLENT |
| Sugarcane                 | 10        | 38   | 44   | 8    | 0         |
| Livestock                 | 4         | 33   | 43   | 16   | 4         |
| Vegetables                | 26        | 41   | 28   | 4    | 1         |
| Pasture                   | 34        | 30   | 35   | 1    | 0         |



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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 11/14/05 TO 11/20/05

|                         | AIR         |      |     |     | PRECIPITATION   |               |                |       | 4 INCH SOIL |     |     |  |
|-------------------------|-------------|------|-----|-----|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-------|-------------|-----|-----|--|
|                         | TEMPERATURE |      |     |     | WEEKLY<br>TOTAL | FOUR<br>WEEKS | YR. TO<br>DATE | NORM  | TEMPERATURE |     |     |  |
|                         | MAX         | MIN  | AVG | NRM |                 |               |                |       | MAX         | MIN | AVG |  |
| <b>1. Northwest</b>     |             |      |     |     |                 |               |                |       |             |     |     |  |
| LSU-Bossier City        | 82          | 29   | 55  | 54  | 0.30            | 1.63          | 32.63          | 45.22 |             |     |     |  |
| Minden                  | 83          | 28   | 55  | 54  | 0.15            | 1.29          | 31.13          | 48.44 |             |     |     |  |
| Mooringsport            | 82          | 29   | 54  | MM  | 0.69            | 2.03          | 31.62          | 41.69 |             |     |     |  |
| Extreme/Average         | 83          | 28   | 55  | 55  | 0.38            | 1.65          | 32.13          | 46.42 |             |     |     |  |
| <b>2. North-Central</b> |             |      |     |     |                 |               |                |       |             |     |     |  |
| LSU-Calhoun             | 85          | 26   | 54  | 55  | 0.21            | 0.88          | 34.14          | 48.45 |             |     |     |  |
| Homer/Hill Farm         | 79          | 26   | 53  | 53  | 0.05            | 1.60          | 37.85          | 48.91 |             |     |     |  |
| ULM-Monroe              | 84          | 26   | 54  | 55  | 0.24            | 0.66          | 30.46          | 50.27 |             |     |     |  |
| Winnfield               | 84          | 27   | 55  | 54  | 0.20            | 1.05          | 39.13          | 51.37 |             |     |     |  |
| Extreme/Average         | 85          | 26   | 54  | 55  | 0.18            | 1.05          | 35.40          | 49.59 |             |     |     |  |
| <b>3. Northeast</b>     |             |      |     |     |                 |               |                |       |             |     |     |  |
| Lake Providence         | 82          | 29   | 54  | 54  | 0.28            | 0.67          | 36.41          | 51.28 |             |     |     |  |
| LSU-St Joseph           | 85          | 29   | 56  | 57  | 1.32            | 1.46          | 38.37          | 49.05 | MM          | MM  | MM  |  |
| LSU-Winnsboro           | 84          | 27   | 56  | 55  | 1.07            | 1.45          | 39.65          | 48.99 |             |     |     |  |
| Tallulah                | 82          | 28   | 55  | 55  | 0.69            | 0.81          | 35.88          | 50.70 |             |     |     |  |
| Extreme/Average         | 85          | 27   | 55  | 56  | 0.84            | 1.10          | 38.14          | 49.97 | MM          | MM  | MM  |  |
| <b>4. West-Central</b>  |             |      |     |     |                 |               |                |       |             |     |     |  |
| Leesville               | (87)        | 28   | 56  | 56  | 1.89            | 2.92          | 39.32          | 49.81 |             |     |     |  |
| LSU-Rosepine            | 87          | 29   | 57  | 57  | 0.99            | 2.09          | 32.44          | 51.17 | MM          | MM  | MM  |  |
| Natchitoches            | 85          | 28   | 55  | 56  | 0.20            | 1.41          | 31.87          | 47.36 |             |     |     |  |
| Extreme/Average         | 87          | 28   | 56  | 56  | 1.03            | 2.14          | 31.87          | 48.65 | MM          | MM  | MM  |  |
| <b>5. Central</b>       |             |      |     |     |                 |               |                |       |             |     |     |  |
| Alexandria              | 83          | (25) | 53  | 58  | 2.10            | 2.90          | 35.36          | 53.05 |             |     |     |  |
| Brusly                  | 85          | 30   | 56  | 58  | 0.65            | 0.78          | 44.50          | 55.92 |             |     |     |  |
| Bunkie                  | 86          | 31   | 59  | 58  | 1.47            | 1.90          | 54.57          | 53.67 |             |     |     |  |
| LSU-Alexandria          | 83          | 25   | 55  | 57  | 1.29            | 1.94          | 36.16          | 51.79 | MM          | MM  | MM  |  |
| Extreme/Average         | 86          | 25   | 56  | 58  | 1.38            | 1.88          | 40.33          | 53.19 | MM          | MM  | MM  |  |
| <b>6. East-Central</b>  |             |      |     |     |                 |               |                |       |             |     |     |  |
| Bogalusa                | MM          | MM   | MM  | 58  | 0.00            | 0.69          | 38.37          | 57.25 |             |     |     |  |
| LSU-Baton Rouge         | 85          | 31   | 58  | 59  | 1.90            | 1.95          | 40.95          | 54.60 |             |     |     |  |
| LSU-Clinton             | 83          | 29   | 55  | 57  | 0.57            | 0.62          | 41.20          | 55.85 |             |     |     |  |
| LSU-Hammond             | 84          | 28   | 56  | 58  | 0.35            | 0.36          | 39.80          | 56.96 | MM          | MM  | MM  |  |
| Slidell                 | 83          | 31   | 58  | 60  | 0.20            | 0.48          | 60.29          | 56.20 |             |     |     |  |
| Extreme/Average         | 85          | 28   | 57  | 59  | 0.76            | 0.85          | 40.95          | 57.08 | MM          | MM  | MM  |  |
| <b>7. Southwest</b>     |             |      |     |     |                 |               |                |       |             |     |     |  |
| De Ridder               | 85          | 32   | 57  | 58  | 1.01            | 2.16          | 47.37          | 52.80 |             |     |     |  |
| Jennings                | 84          | 31   | 57  | 59  | 1.64            | 2.44          | 45.58          | 53.62 | MM          | MM  | MM  |  |
| LSU-Crowley             | 83          | 32   | 60  | 59  | 1.12            | 1.74          | 45.38          | 53.40 | MM          | MM  | MM  |  |
| Extreme/Average         | 85          | 31   | 57  | 60  | 1.33            | 2.30          | 45.58          | 54.37 | MM          | MM  | MM  |  |
| <b>8. South-Central</b> |             |      |     |     |                 |               |                |       |             |     |     |  |
| Donaldsonville          | 85          | 33   | 59  | 60  | 0.42            | 0.48          | 43.10          | 55.30 |             |     |     |  |
| LSU-Jeanerette          | 83          | 30   | 56  | 59  | 0.71            | 1.07          | 49.26          | 55.87 |             |     |     |  |
| Morgan City             | 83          | 38   | 59  | 61  | 0.18            | 0.58          | 41.33          | 58.76 |             |     |     |  |
| Extreme/Average         | 85          | 30   | 58  | 61  | 0.44            | 0.71          | 46.18          | 56.53 |             |     |     |  |
| <b>9. Southeast</b>     |             |      |     |     |                 |               |                |       |             |     |     |  |
| Galliano                | 82          | 38   | 60  | 62  | 0.85            | 1.25          | 68.46          | 59.90 |             |     |     |  |
| Houma                   | 85          | 35   | 60  | 62  | 0.16            | 0.34          | 60.34          | 57.67 | MM          | MM  | MM  |  |
| NO Audubon Park         | MM          | MM   | MM  | 62  | 0.62            | 0.69          | 55.60          | 57.30 |             |     |     |  |
| Reserve                 | 84          | 35   | 60  | 60  | 0.22            | 0.22          | 51.04          | 58.48 |             |     |     |  |
| Extreme/Average         | 85          | 35   | 60  | 62  | 0.41            | 0.60          | MMMMM          | 57.89 | MM          | MM  | MM  |  |
| <b>State</b>            |             |      |     |     |                 |               |                |       |             |     |     |  |
| State Averages          | 87          | 25   | 57  | 58  | 0.81            | 1.42          | 39.33          | 52.23 | MM          | MM  | MM  |  |

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through November 20, 2005

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